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POLICE NO NEARER SIGEL MURDERER

Sensational Rumors Keep Detectives Busy But Finally Amount to Nothing.

CHINESE COME TO AID OF OFFICERS

Chung Sin's Tongue Loosened by Merchant, Who Warned Him That Celestials Would Not Countenance Effort to Aid Man Who Had Disgraced Race.

EW YORK, June 23.—After a day of conflicting statements, the district attorney's office and e Police Department refused to-night

Women Offered to Risk Lives as Rescueres, But Were Ordered Back.

WEHRUM, PA., June 23.—As the result of an explosion of gas in mine No. 4, of the Lackawaina Coal and Coke Company, shortly after 7 o'clock this morning, seventeen miners were Rilled and sixteen injured. With the exception of one, those killed were foreigners; with few exceptions those injured were Americans. It was stated that all the injured would probably recover.

Superintendent Johnson said to-night Superintendent Johnson said to-night that though the mine has always been regarded as non-gaseous, the explosion was due to the ignition of a pocket of gas by the open lamp of a miner.'

The mine has been operating only two days each week, Tuesday and Friday. Those in the mine to-day had entered the shaft for their daily allowance of coal for family use,

Grouped about the slope entrance of the mine just before the explosion were several Italians. When the terrible subterranean upheavel of rock and gas spouted skyward these Italians were caught. Terribly burned and maimed they rushed about the settlement, crying for aid.

GOULD CASE NEAR END

SMITH'S LAST MESSAGE

December 1987. Place Alabor Devoted and the description of the descrip

SEVENTEEN KILLED IN MINE NOT TERRIFIED BY MOB THREAT

Georgia Arbitrators Rule Out Testimony of Mayors and Peace Officers.

NEGROES UNFIT FOR WORK, FIREMEN SAY

Whites Compelled to Use Same Clothes-Box With Colored Men and Drink from Same Cup. Blacks Do More Sleeping Than Anything Else.

A CLANTA, GA., June 23.—Charging that the firemen were trying to intimidate the commission, Major Cummings, representing the Georgia Rallroad, before the arbitrators, object-

FIRST FLIGHT TO ALDRICH WINS AND BE MADE FRIDAY LOSES IN SAMEDAY

Extension of Time But Machine is Nearly Ready.

NOBODY ALLOWED NEAR PARTY LINES WIPED THEIR AEROPLANE

Brothers Are Exercising Every Precaution, Doing Most of Work With Own Hands. Field at Fort Myer Being Made Ready for Trials.

Source in Her Work.

These who knew Elsie Sigel best, best was airceared.

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Wrights Secure Thirty-Day Committee, Defeated on Pineapple Proposition, Forces High Rate.

OUT IN SENATE AGAIN

Members from Northwest Final ly Beaten in Long Struggle. Democratic Gibes from Florida Stir Up Democratic Ire in Maryland-Much Progress Made.

WASHINGTON, June 23.—Much voting and little talking characterized the day's work in the Senate. The lumber schedule

Tillman Denies It.

ing the tariff bill.

As Mr. Aldrich protested that he wished to vote as soon as possible, the South Carolinian, in an abologetic manner for taking up any time in debate, added:

When the Senator makes a state ment like that I cannot sit here like an ass, as if I agreed with it, when I know it is not true."

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The vote was then taken on the main proposition, the Finance Committee's amendment placing a duty of \$1.50 on sawed lumber, with differentials on finished lumber. The committee won, 50 to 23.

By amendments offered by Mr. Aldrich and adopted, the duty on clapboards was increased from \$1 to \$1.50 per 1,000; on laths from 20 to 25 cents per 1,000, and on shingles from 30 to 50 cents.

The entire schedule relating to wood

FATAL IMITATON

Boy Emulates "Black Hand" and Is shot to Death.

CHICAGO, June 23.—Rudolph Berndt, fourteen years old, was killed by the police to-night following an attempt on his part to imitate "Black Hand" methods and get money by means of threatening letters. He was shot on a lonely street corner just after he had selzed a package supposed to contain \$15,000.

L E. Grossfeldt, a wealthy wholesale grocor, was the man who agreed to pay over \$15,000. He received a threatening letter a week ago signed by the "Black Hand" and demanding that the merchant take \$15,000 in two packages to Desplaines Street and Grand Avenua. Grossfelt was threatened with death if he falled to comply. The grocer told the police, and detectives watched with him on the appointed night. A package made up of newspaper clippings was ready. No one appeared to take \$1.

Threats by telephone followed, and the grocer again called the police. Another meeting was appointed for tonight. Policemen were hidden near the designated place. As Grossfelt approached a boy stepped out of a doorway and asked: "Is this Mr. Grossfelt?"

The grocer replied in the affirmative, and the boy snatched the package from his hands and fled. Detective Weinrich fired two shots. One hit the boy and he fell fatally wounded, as he lay on the sidewalk he tried to shoot the detective. At the hospital he confessed before he died, naming his cousin, Alfred Hasse, sixteen

PRESIDENT TO HELP

marine.

The President declared that something must be done, and that immediately to establish an American merchant marine, and that he would do everything that he could to bring this about. He remained at the dinner but a short time.

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Several companies of the Twenty-third Constabulary, under the personal direction of General Bandholtz, commander of the constabulary forces of the islands, are co-operating in hot pursuit of the mutineers, and it is expected that they will be captured or killed. General Bandholtz reports that the mutiny was due to an attempt by officers to restore discipline that had been allowed to slacken among the members of the organization by the previous commander.

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Pineapples were again brought into

BOY Emulates "Black Hand" and Is WRETCHED ROADS MARSCOUT'S RUN TO WASHINGTON

So Bad Was the Going That Capital-to-Capital Route Is Doomed.

TIMES-DISPATCH CAR FINISHES WITH CREDIT

Despite Highways Which Make Travel a Nightmare, It Reaches Capital in Fine Condition. Pathfinders Are Given Cordial Reception by President Taft.

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Speaker Cannon was the guest of honor at the dinner.

The two new features of the Humphrey bill are free ships and a new system of tonnage taxes. The other features of the bill are the same as those of the last two or three mail subsidy bills introduced.

LEADER OF MUTINEERS KILLED

American Sergeant Wounded by Fillpines During Skirmish.

worse than anything the scouts have encountered yet. Less than a mile out of Culpaper the Stevens-Duryen, with William F. Gordon at the wheel, began to twist and bump and shake itselk for fair. The black pilot, who was crouched down at Mr. Gordon's feet, allowed that it would get better in a minute, when as a matter of fact, it got worse. John Hayes, who sat in the tonneau with Blanchard Forbes, thought it would be a hig night, and started to sing about it, but